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1. The leaders of the Independent Federation of Colombian Workers (CTCI) have issued orders to all Communists who have been active in the field of labor matters that they should start working in earnest for a reorganization of the labor movement. It is pointed out that it is not a matter of initiating attacks against other organizations or persons, but of gradually getting the workers themselves to see who are their enemies and who have betrayed them. Those persons affiliated with the CTCI must attempt to orient the workers along lines indicated by Communist policy and should aid them in all their battles. The watchwords should be labor unity, union freedom, the right to strike, and world peace.
2. In circulars issued by the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC), a protest is made against a recent statement of Col. Francisco ROJAS Scarpetta, in which the National Police director called upon the police and citizens in general to fight Communism and to report those persons seen with Communist propaganda. ROJAS called the Communists salaried agents of foreign powers, but it was stated in the circular that the true foreign agents are those who sell Colombia's sovereignty for Yankee dollars. It was also stated that since 13 June 1953 the PCC has issued no subversive propaganda. No attack was made on President Gustavo ROJAS Pinilla.
3. PCC leaders are calling for an auto-criticism in order to ascertain why the Party has failed to take action to counteract the efforts of other labor organizations, such as the Union of Colombian Workers (UTC) and the Argentine-dominated National Federation of Workers (CNT). It is argued that there must be some weakness in the Party's methods and that this must be found.

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4. Gilberto VIEIRA White and Diego MONTANA Cuellar are working together in an effort to determine the best manner for setting up a Democratic Front. VIEIRA stated that MONTANA had practically given up hope of doing anything in the Barrancabermeja oil fields and that a front organization appeared to offer the PCC the best opportunity at this time. Some success has been realized in certain areas of Tolima, where about a thousand rural workers have joined the movement. Efforts are being made to organize rural fronts directed by leaders trained in Viota.

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